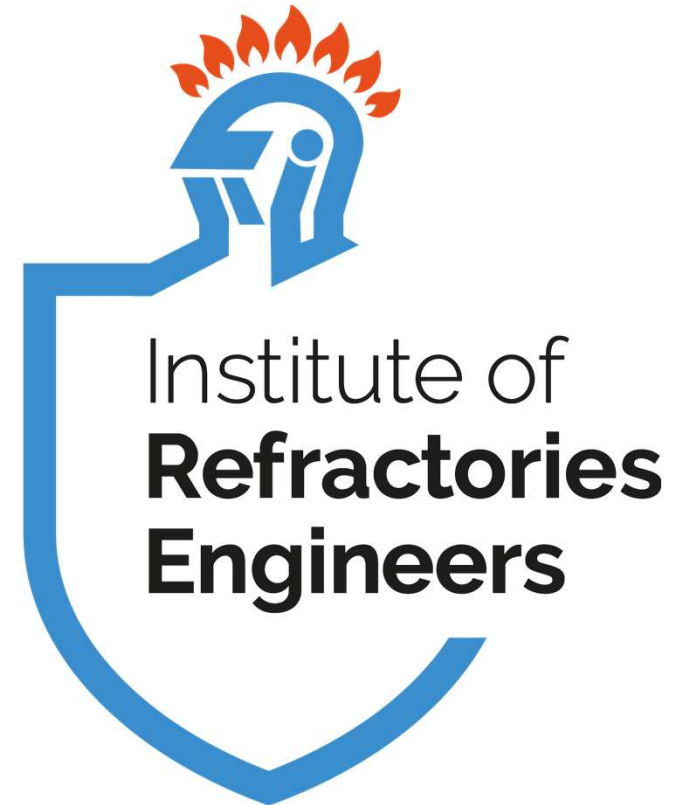


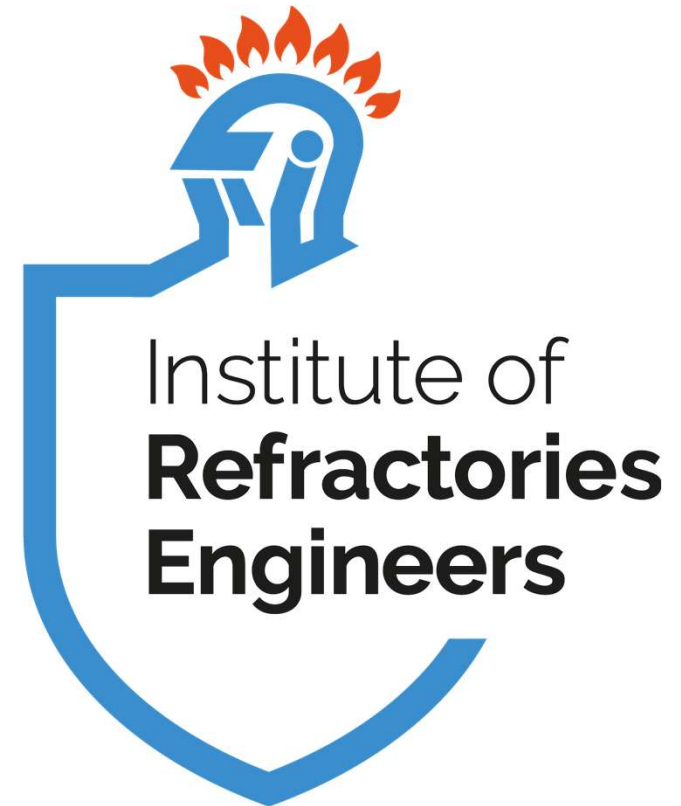
## IRE Constitution Amendments

Some minor changes suggested to improve the efficiency of the running of the institute.



## New Applicants

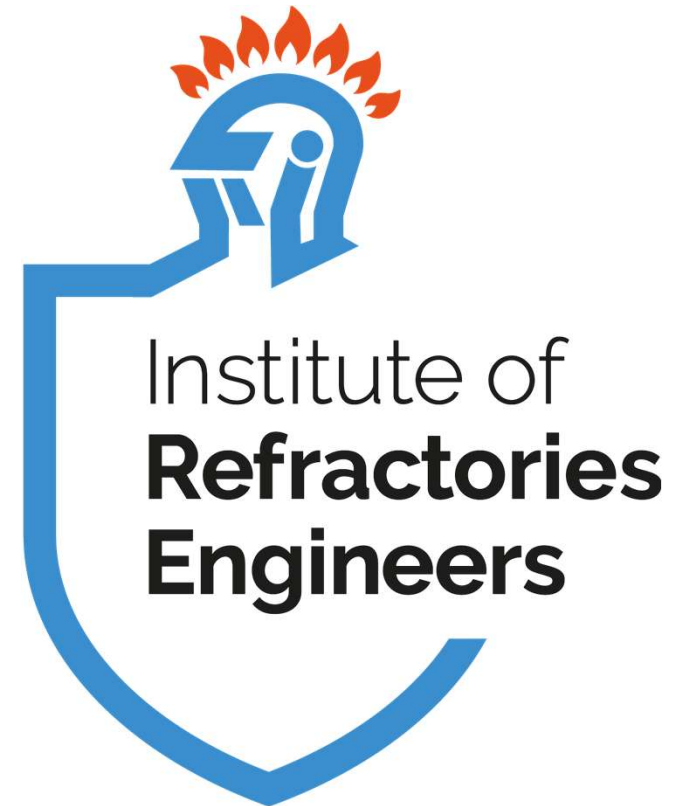
14. New applications shall be presented to Council for ratification. The Council meeting agenda should have new members, individual and corporate, listed in the minutes. New applicants will be accepted unless there are objections to the membership which are confirmed by majority vote.



# Definition of Quorum for Council Meetings

*Council members have, for the most part, other jobs and getting sufficient to attend a council meeting to make it quorate can be difficult. Hence new rules are suggested to make a quorum more likely. The exact number of members of council is not currently defined.*

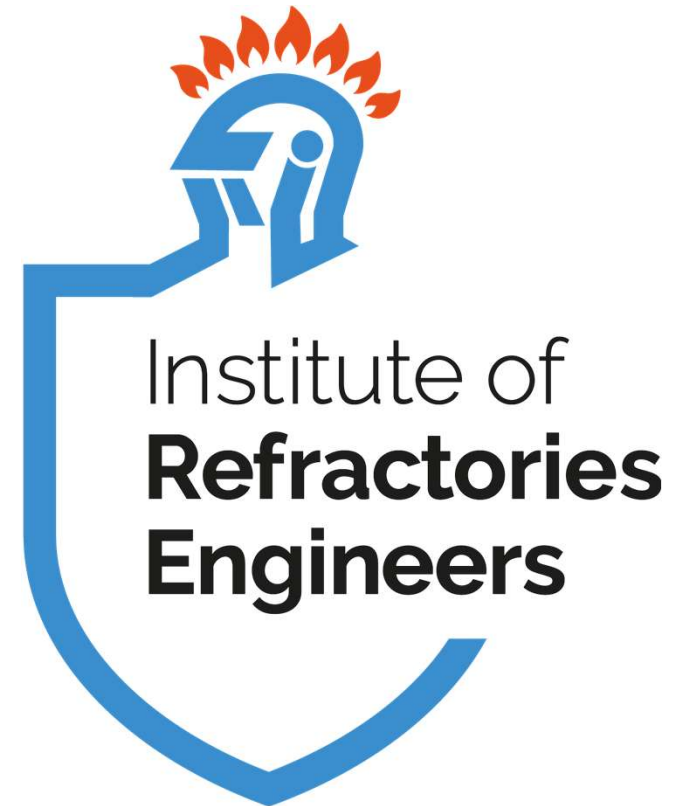
- 28. Council should be a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 members, with a working target of 12.
- 55. A quorum should be to a minimum of 6 which includes at least 1 officer.



# Role of Chair in meetings

*Make the running of meetings and selection of the Chair clearer.*

56. In the absence of the President, all meetings of the Council shall be conducted by the Vice President, and failing that, by one of the Officers. If there are no Officers present, then those present shall agree on a Chair and such persons shall have the full authority of the office assumed for that meeting.

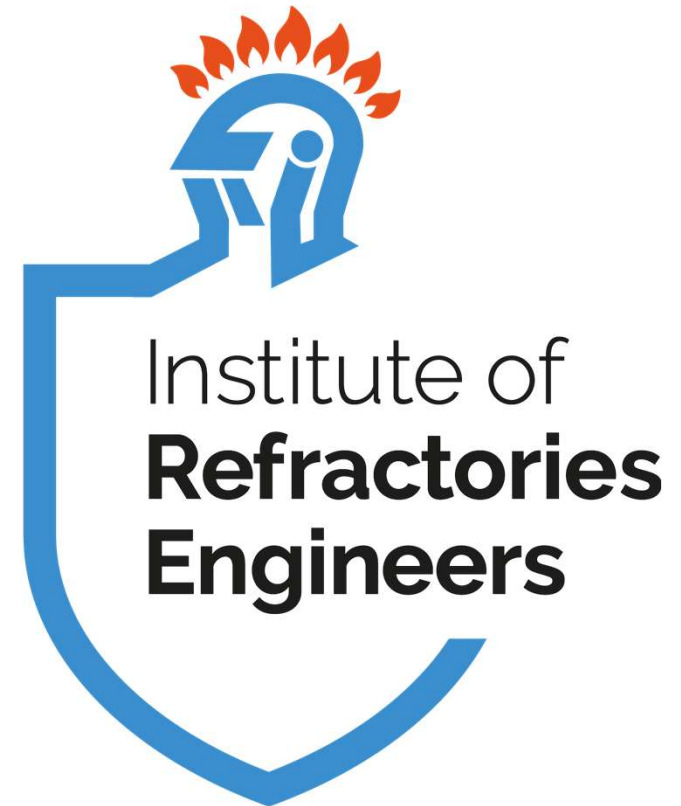


## Role of Chair in meetings(cont'd)

57. Votes are only binding when the meeting is quorate – otherwise votes are considered advisory and will need to be ratified either: at the next quorate council meeting, or via a post-meeting email request approved by a two thirds majority of council members (including those at the meeting).

A council member who is unable to attend a meeting may vote by proxy to any motion that is published on the agenda. To vote by proxy the council member must send their apologies for not attending the meeting and email their voting intention to the Secretary or President (or meeting chair) prior to the commencement of the meeting.

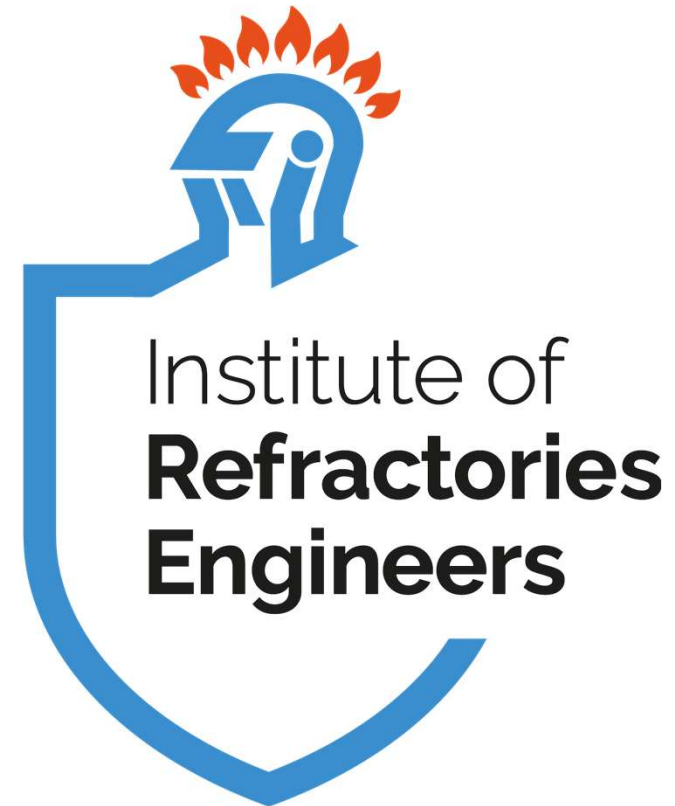
The President does not normally vote on matters but will, where there is a deadlock, make a casting vote.



# Constitutional Amendments

*There are currently no rules about making changes to the Constitution. These would make a new Section 13.*

89. The Council is required to act at all times in accordance with, and in the spirit of, the constitution of the Institute.



## Constitutional Amendments (cont'd)

90. The Council may make proposals for changes to the constitution. These are presented to members at an AGM or EGM. A simple majority of those members present at the meeting are sufficient to make the change.
91. Any member is able to make recommendations to change the constitution. The change should be sent to the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM along with 10 votes from members seconding the proposal. Approval for such proposals is also a simple majority of members present at the meeting.

